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Our File No.: AP32391 070050.1387

Date: March 8, 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Anderson et al.

Serial No. : 09/687,813 Examiner : Not assigned

Filed : October 13, 2000 Group Art Unit :

For : PETROLEUM RESERVOIR SIMULATION AND  
CHARACTERIZATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

1.  Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is proper, and Applicants hereby assert entitlement to such status under 37 CFR 1.27(c)(1).
2.  A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
3.  No additional fee is required.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 8, 2001.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendt. (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. Paid for (Col. 2)	Present extra (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
			RATE	FEE	or	RATE	FEE	
Total	* 27	Minus **20	=	7	x 9 =	\$63	or	x 18 = \$0
Ind.	* 2	Minus ***3	=	0	x 40 =	\$0	or	x 80 = \$0
( ) First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				+ 135 =		\$0	or	+ 270 = \$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					=	\$63	or	TOTAL = \$0

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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4.(a)[ ] An Extension of Time to respond to the PTO communication dated is hereby requested. The required fee, indicated below, is enclosed herewith.

Extension for response (check only one):

	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
Within first month	[ ]	\$ 55	[ ]	\$ 110
Within second month	[ ]	195	[ ]	390
Within third month	[ ]	445	[ ]	890
Within fourth month	[ ]	695	[ ]	1,390

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

[ ] An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$.

or

(b)[X] In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

5. [ ] Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4377 in the amount of \$. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

6. [x] A check in the amount of \$63.00 is attached.



7. [X]

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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Enclosures